

# Villa Armonia

Region: Chania Sleeps: 8

## Overview

Villa Armonia is a delightful, traditional property that is nestled on a superb, elevated plot near the tranquil village of Polemarchi, four kilometres from the village of Tavronitis and roughly half an hour's drive west of Chania. The villa comes with extensive gardens and terraces, four very spacious romantic bedrooms, traditionally styled living space and the most fabulous, panoramic views stretching from the White Mountains to the sea and over towards Chania.

Polemarchi is a tiny inland village where you will feel you have got away from all the stresses of everyday life. The village and beach of Tavronitis are named after the River Tavronitis which flows into the area. Tavronitis Beach is a pebbly beauty that actually runs from Kolimbari to Stalos. Near the beach there are many inviting tavernas and restaurants. Just along from Tavronitis is Maleme with its historic airport, the field of the Battle of Crete. Maleme is a delightful, peaceful resort with a fabulous array of bars, tavernas and shops. It sits between Tavronitis and Gerani with a three kilometre beach. Maleme's lively neighbour Platanias is just fifteen minutes away with its Blue Flag beach and buzzy nightlife. Chania Old Town boasts an incredibly beautiful Venetian harbour and lighthouse and charming, narrow, cobbled streets full of unique boutiques, atmospheric restaurants and bougainvillea. Alternatively, you can head west to the island's astounding beaches of Balos, Falasarna and Elafonissi or for a very active day out, you can hike through the phenomenal Samaria Gorge. Villa Armonia certainly makes it easy to enjoy your holiday in Crete!

Villa Armonia boasts an enviable location 5km from the sea. It offers total seclusion and privacy. You will totally away from it all yet can still be sunning yourselves and swimming in the sea in just ten minutes. Villa Armonia's well-established gardens are on two levels with the lower ground floor bedrooms opening directly onto the lower tier garden. The villa's generous sized swimming pool has a special, shallow children's section and sits on the higher level with fabulous, scenic views. The pool is surrounded by loungers where you can relax with your holiday book and a chilled glass of something delicious. Just by the pool is an excellent shaded outdoor kitchen and alfresco dining area. Your barbecue masters will have fun with the traditional bread or pizza oven and the barbecue, cooking feasts that you can enjoy as you watch the sky change to dazzling colours at sunset. The gardens offer grassy banks and vibrant colourful borders, contrasting beautifully with the mellow



stonework of the villa.

Villa Armonia's living and dining room is an inviting space offering much charm with its high, wooden ceiling, its exposed stonework and its corner feature fireplace. Comfy, traditional chairs and sofas sit in the perfect position to admire the views. Huge glass sliding doors bring the outside in and open fully to a fabulous terrace where you can dine alfresco while enjoying the mesmerising scenery. There is also an indoor dining table should you want to eat inside. From here, you will dine with mountain and sea views. The rustic country kitchen comes with wooden cabinetry, a handy breakfast table and plenty of space to create a delicious feast.

Two of the villa's bedrooms are located on the ground level, one a charming twin with an ensuite bathroom with a hydro shower and the other, a characterful double with an ensuite bathroom with a hydro massage bath. Both of the rooms enjoy private balconies where you can pop out to enjoy the sunrise and your early morning cup of coffee or a glass of chilled local wine while you are getting ready for the evening.

The remaining two bedrooms are on the lower ground floor. The master bedroom enjoys a romantic four poster bed, a sofa, an ensuite bathroom and a private furnished terrace which leads onto the garden. The other room is equally huge and boasts comfy twin beds, a sofa should you have an extra guest, an ensuite and direct access to a terrace and the garden.

Villa Armonia offers a great deal of charm and the most amazing views. It may be a little traditional for some but you will immediately feel at home in this lovely villa.

## Facilities

Great Value • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • DVD • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Armonia is a traditionally-styled 4-bedroom villa sleeping 8 guests with private pool.

### Lower Ground Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

### Ground Floor

- Open-plan living & dining area
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

### Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (8m x 5m)
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Barbecue

### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Iron & board
- Safe box
- Parking

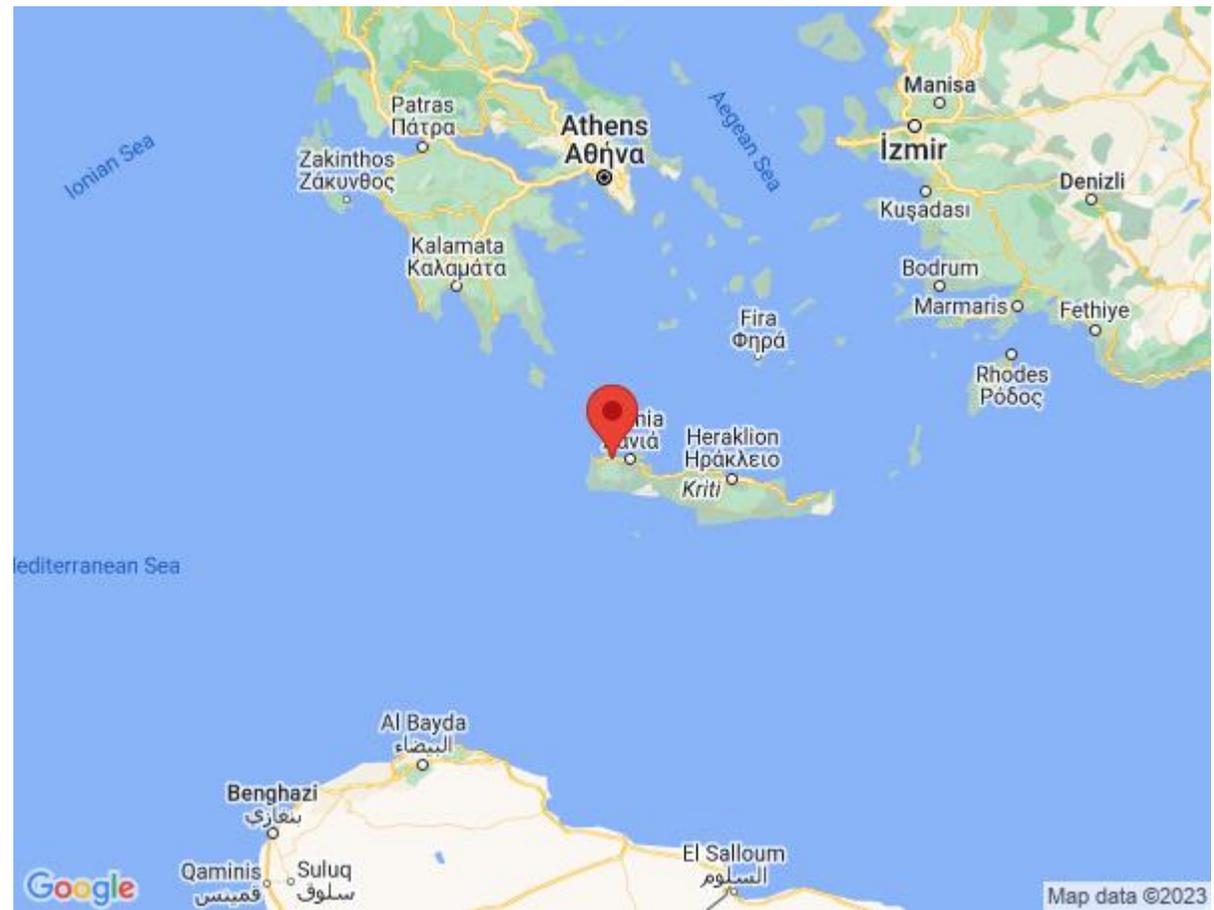


## Location & Local Information

Villa Armonia enjoys a gorgeous, rural setting with outstanding countryside, mountain and sea views. It is nestled in an elevated position near the village of Polemarchi and 4km above the charming village of Tavronitis, close to the Rodopos peninsula. The villa is within easy reach of the atmospheric Old Town of Chania, Kissamos and the spectacular beaches of Balos, Falasarna and Elfalonissi. The villages of Tavronitis and Maleme are laid-back spots where you can truly relax. Being edged by low dunes and sprinkled with towering trees, Maleme Beach is lovely. Snorkelling, fishing and horse riding are available locally and there are some mini-markets and tempting tavernas. The foothills behind Maleme are perfect for country walks, perfumed by the wild thyme and oregano. An hour's ramble out of Maleme takes you to the delightful hilltop village of Deres with its whitewashed church and authentic taverna. Maleme is famous for being the place where German paratroopers attacked Crete in 1941. Tavronitis and Maleme are peaceful havens but if you are looking for some livelier entertainment, you can head to Platania roughly 13km away.

Kissamos is a bustling tourist resort which sits on the edge of the Gramvousa peninsula. Kissamos is also known as Kastelli Kissamou in reference to the former Venetian fortress that used to dominate the town. Kissamos boasts many tavernas, gorgeous beaches and plenty of shops. Surrounding Kissamos are fertile olive groves and vineyards. The main beach is Mavros Molos which is sprinkled with trees, sunbeds and parasols. The Archaeological Museum of Kissamos is located on the main square, Stratigou Tzanakaki, boasting an impressive collection of local discoveries from a wide range of historical eras. A little further north of the main port of Kissamos is the quaint, colourful Old Port of Kastelli Kissamou which is brimming with brightly coloured fishing boats, an Instagrammer's dream.

The phenomenal Balos Lagoon Beach is located on the Gramvousa peninsula. It is absolutely stunning and one of the most photographed beaches in Greece. The Balos Lagoon boasts silvery white, fine sand and exotic, white, vivid blue and turquoise waters. The sea is very shallow and warm. Beyond the rocks at the boundaries of the lagoon, the water is deeper and ideal for snorkeling. The lagoon and wider area with rare species of flora and fauna are protected under the Natura 2000 programme. Eleonora falcons, shags and cormorants nest in the caves and the area is a shelter for protected monk seal and loggerhead sea turtle. You will think you are in the Maldives as it is so beautiful. Balos can be reached by car, though be prepared for a bumpy ride or you can take a boat trip to the beach. North of Balos, in Cape Korykon, there are remains of the small Roman town of Agnio with the temple of Apollo and the picturesque chapel of Agios Sostis.



At the western base of the stunning Cape Gramvousa, 17km west of Kissamos, you will discover Falasarna Beach, another fabulous Cretan gem. The beach has been voted as one of the ten best beaches in Europe in the past. Falasarna Bay actually consists of five consecutive dazzling, silver-sanded beaches. It is huge as well as gorgeous and has such a dazzling, clear, turquoise blue sea. At the northern end of the beach there are ruins of the ancient GrecoRoman city of Falasarna. There are several companies offering watersports including Falasarna Activities who offer wakeboard and jet ski tuition.

Elafonisi is also a magical place that consists of a small islet with white and pink sandy beaches. Visitors can wade out to the island to enter another world. The island is an internationally classified nature reserve and home to more than one hundred rare plants including summer flowering sea daffodils that look like white cups. The island is a nature lovers paradise. To the left of the sandbank, windsurfers enjoy the prevailing winds.

The charming and picturesque Old Town of Chania is roughly twenty five minutes away in the car. Its atmospheric 14th century Venetian harbour, old port, narrow, cobbled shopping streets, colourful bougainvillea and waterfront restaurants make this a top-notch evening out. The sunset views are breathtaking with the Venetian lighthouse a focal point. You can walk along the harbour wall to the lighthouse.

Samaria Gorge is the longest gorge in Europe at 16km which would take roughly six hours to pass along the whole gorge. Otherwise you can drive to Chora Sfakion and take a boat to Agia Roumeli and walk a few kilometres at the end of the gorge. The Imbros Gorge is also very beautiful and takes approximately two hours. You can combine this walk with swimming in Fragokastelo Beach.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Chania International Airport (41.3km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Platanias (13.4km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Tavronitis (4.2km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Kaneva Barbecue Restaurant, Tavronitis (4.3km)</b>

Nearest Supermarket	<b>Eyn Supermarket, Tavronitis (4.2km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Tavronitis Beach (5.4km)</b>

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## What we love

- The magical, panoramic views from the villa are seriously incredible, stretching from the White Mountains to the turquoise sea below and the silhouette of Chania to your left
- Villa Armonia's outside space is truly wonderful. There are numerous terraces and balconies, a gorgeous pool, a fab alfresco dining area and outdoor kitchen, beautiful gardens and lots of private spot where you can enjoy some quiet time
- The villa enjoys many charming features that make it feel very inviting and authentic
- The famous Cretan beaches of Falasarna, Elafonisi and Balos are all within easy reach of the villa and are an absolute must visit!

## What you should know...

- The villa is roughly 5km from the nearest beach so you will need to drive to jump in the sea
- The villa enjoys many modern comforts with ensuite bathrooms for every bedroom though you may find the choice of furniture and fittings to be a little traditional in styling
- Chania Old Town is so incredibly beautiful, you really should try to visit. It offers a fantastic dining scene and one of the best sunset experiences the island has to offer as the sun sets over the Venetian harbour

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: There is no security deposit, but should there be any damage or loss caused by you or your guests during your stay you will be liable for the cost.
- Arrival time: 4pm
- Departure time: 10am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival.
- Internet access?: Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Minimum stay: Please note that there is a 5-night minimum stay, this may be increased to 7-nights across peak dates
- Pets welcome?: No pets
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that on occasions, in Greece, extremes in weather can cause water and/ or electric supply to be cut or reduced. Services are normally restored as soon as possible. In Greece, the plumbing system is not designed to have paper and sanitary items flushed down the lavatory. In these cases a bathroom bin is provided.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings and any accidental damage caused during their stay.